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Notes
- Small group notes (combined from all watersheds)
  - Updated ordinance language is needed
  - Areas to call out for flooding issues: N Conestoga Dr, Butter Rd, Millcross Rd
  - Sources of data and opportunity areas: Outfall inspections, road closures (ask road staff for anecdotes too)
  - Plans and permits need to be written as watersheds, focusing on upstream work first
  - Municipal staff are hearing that citizens are concerned about water quality - Ag issues plus city sewer overflows are the loudest topics
  - Need to clearly communicate the costs and the why of gray infrastructure → the importance of more green infrastructure and less gray funnels
    - Show the reasons
    - Share any evaluations of BMPs at the homeowner level, why the benefit
  - Avoid: big basins, development where it shouldn't be (uphill that creates erosion and downstream issues), large maintenance situations
  - Groundwater recharge areas and opportunities to utilize existing infrastructure and land use creatively (example of quarries)
  - Agricultural water quality issues addressed through the stormwater lens
- Where we want to be:
  - Regional work for landowners - ways to incentivize
    - Rock Lititz example of 12 landowners using 1 basin as a regional tool, but recognize the commitment required for maintenance and invasive controls
      - How to include CBLP or local contractors in the agreement from the beginning
  - Maintenance and upgrades for 20 year old projects will be included
  - Weather trends in phase 2 of the Act 167 work
  - All farms have conservation plans

- Large group next steps for the next Watershed Plan Advisory Committee
  - Need to hear from engineers, solicitors, PennDOT, National Weather Service, Hazmat, plain community members/leaders, city of Lancaster, industrial permit holders, hospitals, quarries, higher education
  - We need to create and provide a list of all the municipalities who have a stormwater fee and what their structure is so others can learn
    - Show examples like win-wins that give credit for implemented conservation plans at Upper Leacock